

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Verdell Jackson, on March 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 324, 3/2/2011

Executive Action: HB 125, Do Concur As Amended.

**HEARING ON HB 324**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:20 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise Montana Comprehensive Health Association.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:43 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Company (ALHIC)

00:04:39 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services (NWHS)

00:06:29 Drew Geiger, Montana Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)

00:07:38 Rita Charles, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**EXHIBIT(bus53a01)**

00:09:21 Jackie Boyle, on behalf of Commissioner of Insurance Monica Lindeen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:29 Sen. Facey

00:12:01 Ms. Ask, NWHS

00:12:58 Sen. Facey

00:13:50 Mr. Geiger, MCHA

00:15:09 Sen. Moore

00:16:36 Rep. MacLaren

00:17:01 Sen. Facey

00:18:04 Sen. Mowbray

00:19:21 Ms. Ask

00:19:31 Sen. Balyeat entered the room and took over as Chair.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:21 Rep. MacLaren

00:20:42 Chairman Balyeat

00:21:00 Sen. Moore

00:21:13 Chairman Balyeat

00:21:18 Ms. Murdo

00:23:28 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 125**

00:24:25 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 125 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:24:35 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 125 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(bus53a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:25:09 Ms. Murdo

00:26:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:26:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 125 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Steinbeisser will carry the bill.

00:27:47 Chairman Balyeat

00:27:49 Ms. Murdo

00:28:04 Chairman Balyeat

**Discussion about HB 100:**

00:28:07 Sen. Facey

00:29:45 Chairman Balyeat

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus53aad.pdf](#))**